

Docket No. 204628US0

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Michiyasu KOMATSU

SERIAL NO: 09/805,035

FILED: March 14, 2001

FOR: SILICON NITRIDE WEAR RESISTANT MEMBER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF



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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required
 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
 Additional documents filed herewith: *In re Johnson*, 558 F.2d 1008, 194 USPQ 187 (CCPA 1977); Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (Executed, 5 pp.)

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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INDEPENDENT	1	MINUS	3	0	x \$86 =	\$0.00
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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment, Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 of named inventor Michiyasu Komatsu (Komatsu Declaration) **submitted herewith**, and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.